

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning SB 695 without my signature.

This bill would require the Secretary for Resources to establish an on-line registry of all open space, agricultural and conservation easements purchased with state grant funds after January 1, 2000.

Existing law requires the County Recorders Office to provide on-line access to conservation easement information created within their county. Counties have been making progress toward implementing this requirement so that Californians can access this information on line. This bill would result in a nearly duplicative effort.

For these reasons I cannot support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger